GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF HOSPITALS CGHS DISPENSARIES IN EVENING
NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY;UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal under their consideration to open CGHS Dispensaries/OPD in Government Hospitals in Delhi in the evening also;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received any representations from the employees or their associations in this regard; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, a proposal to start evening OPD for CGHS (Senior Citizens) at Dr. R.M.L. Hospital is being considered. The details are being worked out.

In so far as CGHS, Delhi is concerned, there is no such proposal for opening of CGHS dispensaries in the evening. However, emergency services are available in the afternoon (between 1.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M. and at night between 7.30 P.M. to 7.30 A.M. (next morning) in the Multishift CGHS dispensaries. Moreover, there are 11 double shift dispensaries in CGHS Delhi which provides regular OPD services from 7.30 A.M. to 7.30 P.M. in two six hours shifts.

(d): In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, no such representation has been received from any Union of Central Government Hospitals.

In CGHS Delhi, the staff side of the Standing Committee of the National Council (JCM) have demanded that the dispensary should function in two shifts.

(e): In CGHS Delhi, the practice of having a single shift had been adopted in the year 1985 on the representation of the staff side of the JCM as employees of CGHS found it difficult to travel back and forth to their distant residences twice a day and having double shift the dispensaries required additional staff. Suggestions from the staff side have been invited for opening of double shift in certain localities and further action will be taken on receipt of the suggestion of staff side.